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November 1 Crop Production Forecast

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Montana dry edible pea production is up 67 percent from last year to 3.44 million cwt, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Harvested area increased by 13 percent to 215,000 acres and yields increased by 520 pounds per acre to 1,600.

Austrian winter pea production in Montana is forecast to be 49,000 cwt, down from 110,000 cwt last year. Harvested area dropped 5,000 acres to 7,000. Most of Montana's Austrian winter peas were used for grazing or forage.

Montana's lentil production is forecast at 946,000 cwt, up 18 percent from last year. Harvested area decreased 36 percent from 2006 to 86,000 acres and yield increased by 500 pounds per acre to 1,100.

Sugar beet production for Montana is expected to be 1.7 million tons, down 11 percent from last year. Forecasted yield, at 24.8 tons per acre, is down 1.2 tons from the October 1 forecast and down 2.2 tons per acre from 2006. Harvested acreage is down 1,500 acres from last year to 47,000 acres.

Montana's fall potato production is forecast at 3.58 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year. Harvested acres are up 700 acres from last year to 11,200 acres. The yield is forecast to be 320 cwt per acre, down 4 percent from 2006.

In the United States, dry edible pea production is forecast at 15.6 million cwt, up 18 percent from the 2006 estimate. Area for harvest, at 809,300 acres, is 8 percent below a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,931 pounds per acre, up 438 pounds from last season.

U.S. production of Austrian winter peas is forecast at 150,000 cwt, down 42 percent from 2006. Area harvested is forecast at 14,000 acres, down 38 percent from last year. Average yield is expected to be 1,071 pounds per acre, down 80 pounds per acre from last season.

Lentils production in the U.S. is forecast at 3.49 million cwt, up 8 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 296,000 acres, down 27 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,179 pounds per acre, up 382 pounds per acre from 2006.

U.S. sugar beet production is forecast at 31.6 million tons, 4 percent above last month but 7 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, unchanged from October but down 5 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 25.4 tons per acre, up 0.9 ton from last month but down 0.7 ton from the 2006 record high yield. Although yield is down from last year's record high, it will be the second highest, if realized. Harvested acreage is forecast to be the lowest since 2001.

U.S. production of fall potatoes for 2007 is forecast at 408 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 997,800 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 2 percent above last year. The average yield is forecast at 409 cwt per acre, up 3 cwt from last year's record high yield.

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November 1, 2007 Crop Production Forecast, Montana and U.S.

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2006	2007 1/	2006	2007 1/	2006	2007 1/	2006	2007 1/
		(000) Acres		(000) Acres				(000) Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	1,950.0	2,240.0	1,920.0	2,190.0	43.0	38.0	82,560	83,220
Durum Wheat	Bu	400.0	480.0	395.0	475.0	17.0	24.0	6,715	11,400
Spring Wheat	Bu	2,950.0	2,450.0	2,900.0	2,400.0	22.0	23.0	63,800	55,200
All Wheat	Bu	5,300.0	5,170.0	5,215.0	5,065.0	29.4	29.6	153,075	149,820
Barley	Bu	770.0	900.0	620.0	720.0	50.0	44.0	31,000	31,680
Oats	Bu	70.0	75.0	24.0	35.0	46.0	52.0	1,104	1,820
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	65.0	82.0	18.0	22.0	146.0	3/	2,628	3/
Sugar Beets	Tons	53.6	47.5	48.5	47.0	27.0	24.8	1,310	1,166
Fall Potatoes	Cwt	10.6	11.3	10.5	11.2	335.0	320.0	3,518	3,584
Dry Beans	Cwt	19.5	18.0	18.6	17.0	16.4	18.0	305	306
Dry Peas	Cwt	210.0	230.0	191.0	215.0	10.8	16.0	2,063	3,440
Lentils	Cwt	142.0	87.0	134.0	86.0	6.0	11.0	804	946
Aus. Winter Peas	Cwt	32.0	20.0	12.0	7.0	9.2	7.0	110	49
Canola	Lbs	10.0	8.0	9.8	7.7	1,120.0	1,600.0	10,976	12,320
Flaxseed	Bu	35.0	30.0	33.0	29.0	9.0	3/	297	3/
Safflower	Lbs	39.0	53.0	37.0	50.0	750.0	3/	27,750	3/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	1,550.0	1,650.0	2.10	2.10	3,255	3,465
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	710.0	900.0	1.50	1.50	1,065	1,350
All Hay	Ton	--	--	2,260.0	2,550.0	1.91	1.89	4,320	4,815
UNITED STATES		(000) Acres		(000) Acres				(000) Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	40,575.0	44,987.0	31,117.0	35,952.0	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989
Durum Wheat	Bu	1,870.0	2,149.0	1,815.0	2,112.0	29.5	33.9	53,475	71,686
Spring Wheat	Bu	14,899.0	13,297.0	13,878.0	12,947.0	33.2	37.0	460,480	479,047
All Wheat	Bu	57,344.0	60,433.0	46,810.0	51,011.0	38.7	40.5	1,812,036	2,066,722
Barley	Bu	3,452.0	4,020.0	2,951.0	3,508.0	61.0	60.4	180,165	211,825
Oats	Bu	4,168.0	3,760.0	1,566.0	1,505.0	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	78,327.0	93,616.0	70,648.0	86,071.0	149.1	154.7	10,534,868	13,318,102
Sugar Beets	Ton	1,366.2	1,263.0	1,303.6	1,241.4	26.1	25.4	34,064	31,560
Fall Potatoes	Cwt	993.7	1,010.8	983.0	997.8	406.0	409.0	398,921	408,325
Dry Beans	Cwt	1,629.8	1,527.3	1,537.6	1,462.5	15.8	17.3	24,247	25,264
Dry Peas	Cwt	925.5	842.5	884.1	809.3	14.9	19.3	13,203	15,625
Lentils	Cwt	429.0	303.0	407.0	296.0	8.0	11.8	3,244	3,490
Aus. Winter Peas	Cwt	46.0	29.0	22.5	14.0	11.5	10.7	259	150
Canola	Lbs	1,044.0	1,183.0	1,021.0	1,144.0	1,366.0	1,312.0	1,394,332	1,501,341
Flaxseed	Bu	813.0	465.0	767.0	453.0	14.4	3/	11,019	3/
Safflower	Lbs	189.0	170.0	179.0	162.5	1,069.0	3/	191,405	3/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	21,384.0	21,451.0	3.35	3.37	71,666	72,347
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	39,423.0	40,338.0	1.78	1.87	70,000	75,617
All Hay	Ton	--	--	60,807.0	61,789.0	2.33	2.39	141,666	147,964

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Planted for all purposes. 3/ Available January 11, 2008. -- Not published.